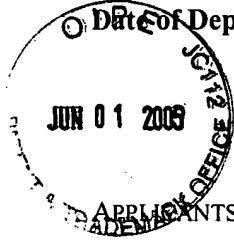


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This paper is in response to the Notice of Appeal filed on November 2, 2004, in response to the Advisory Action mailed January 31, 2005 and in further response to the final Office Action mailed May 5, 2004 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit this paper in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). This paper constitutes a proper submission in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c).

Applicants previously submitted a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee, in conjunction with the response filed November 2, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Five-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. With the five-month extension, these documents are due on or before June 2, 2005.

Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21629-004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.